Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

(1) Add the following new paragraphs to the Brief Description of the Drawings on page 5, immediately after line 8:

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of a traveling sprinkler according to the invention, showing a valve in a first position.

FIG. 4 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of a traveling sprinkler according to the invention, showing the valve is in a second position.

FIG. 5 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of a traveling sprinkler according to the invention, showing the valve is in a third position.

FIG. 6 is a side elevational view of an embodiment of a traveling sprinkler according to the invention, showing an electronic controller that is operatively connected to a valve and that is operated by a remote control unit.

(2) Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 6, line 3, which starts with "Aspects of the present invention relate ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Aspects of the present invention relate to a traveling sprinkler system that expands the range of possible uses for traveling sprinklers. Embodiments of the invention will be explained in the context of one possible traveling sprinkler assembly, but the detailed description is

intended only as exemplary. Embodiments of the invention are shown in FIGS. [[1-2]] 1-6, but the present invention is not limited to the illustrated structure or application.

(3) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 6, line 10, which starts with "A traveling sprinkler assembly 10 according to ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, a [[A]] traveling sprinkler assembly 10 according to the invention can include a wheeled frame 12, a hose reel 14, a rotating sprinkler head 16, and a transmission 15 for communicating the rotation of the sprinkler head 16 to the hose reel 14 so as to propel the sprinkler assembly 10. Though well known in the art, each of these components will be briefly discussed in turn below.

(4) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 6, line 23, which starts with "The frame 12f can have ..." with the following amended paragraph:

The frame 12f can have one or more wheels W associated with it. In one embodiment, the frame 12f can have at least two wheels. In another embodiment, shown in FIG. 1, the frame 12f can have three wheels W including one wheel 12gw for guiding the assembly along an uncoiled length of hose 20 as it travels back to a ~~the~~ fluid source 21. Each wheel W can be associated with the frame by an individual axle or, in some instances, two or more wheels can share a common axle (such as wheels 12w). The wheels W can also be castors associated with the frame 12f.

(5) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 9, line 1, which starts with "Another component of a traveling sprinkler assembly ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Another component of a traveling sprinkler assembly according to aspects of the invention can include a flow control valve 50. The valve 50 can be almost any type of valve and, in one embodiment, the valve 50 can be a ball valve 55 (see FIG. 6). The operation of the valve will be described more fully below.

(6) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 9, line 22, which starts with "Additional components of an embodiment of the invention ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Additional components of an embodiment of the invention include sprinkler piping 70 and discharge piping 80. The sprinkler piping 70 can extend between the flow control valve 50 and the sprinkler head 16. The ~~discharge~~ sprinkler piping 70 can include at least a portion of the hollow shaft 30 of the sprinkler head 16. The discharge piping 80 can extend from the flow control valve 50 to an outlet end 81. The outlet end 81 of the discharge piping 80 can include a coupling 42. In one embodiment, the coupling 42 can be adapted for connection to a hose such as a garden hose.

(7) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 10, line 5, which starts with "In one embodiment, a first hose ..." with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment, a first hose 90 can be connected at one end to the coupling 40 on the supply piping 60. At its other end, the first hose 90 can be connected to a water supply, such as a

water faucet, or other fluid source 21. The first hose 90 can supply water or other fluid to at least the supply piping 60. Embodiments of the invention can further include a second hose 95 ~~(not shown)~~ or flexible fluid conduit connected at one end to the coupling 42 on the discharge piping 80. However, embodiments of the invention are not limited to attaching a hose to the coupling 42. Other watering devices or fluid dispensing devices can be attached to the coupling 42. Examples of other devices include any cleaning tools that are used to clean vehicles, driveways, windows, the side of the house, to name a few. Fluid dispensing devices can further include any stationary irrigation tools for flowerbeds or vegetable gardens. Additional devices can include any water dispensing tools to fill containers like water-drinking bowls for animals or swimming pools or any other attachments known in the industry as "hose ends."

(8) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 10, line 18, which starts with "Again, embodiments of a traveling sprinkler assembly ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Again, embodiments of a traveling sprinkler assembly 10 according to the invention can include at least the couplings 40, 42. Each of the couplings 40,42 can be adapted for connection to a water conduit, such as a common garden hose or any other type of hose, or other fluid-related equipment. The couplings 40,42 can be, for example, male or female threaded connectors 44 (see FIGS. 2-5) or they can be quick connect/disconnects 46 (see FIGS. 2 and 6). Preferably, the couplings 40,42 can aid in effecting a good water seal between parts.

(9) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 10, line 25, which starts with "The coupling 40 can generally serve ..." with the following amended paragraph:

The coupling 40 can generally serve as [[an]] a connection station for a first fluid supply conduit, such as a garden hose that is connected to a water source. In one embodiment, the coupling 40 can be positioned on the hose reel 14. For instance, the coupling 40 can extend radially outward from the drum portion 22 of the hose reel 14. The coupling 42 can generally serve as a connection station for a second fluid conduit 95 ~~(not shown)~~ so as to discharge water from the traveling sprinkler assembly 10. In one embodiment, the coupling 42 can be located on one side of the hose reel 14, such as proximate to one of the side plates 24.

(10) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 5, which starts with "The valve 50 is movable ..." with the following amended paragraph:

The valve 50 is movable at least between a first position and a second position. In the first position, fluid communication can be permitted substantially exclusively between the supply piping 60 and the discharge piping 80, as shown in FIG. 3. In other words, water 82 or other fluid from the supply piping 60 is restricted from being supplied to the sprinkler head 16 through sprinkler piping 70; consequently, the sprinkler head 16 will not rotate and the assembly 10 will not travel because the transmission 15 will not be activated. In the second position, fluid communication can be permitted substantially exclusively between the supply piping 60 and the sprinkler piping 70, as shown in FIG. 4. In one embodiment, the valve 50 can be further movable to a third position in which the supply piping 60 is substantially restricted from fluidly

communicating with both the discharge piping 80 and the sprinkler piping 70, as shown in FIG. 5.

(11) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 17, which starts with "A traveling sprinkler 10 according to ..." with the following amended paragraph:

A traveling sprinkler 10 according to aspects of the invention can further include a flow control switch 110. The flow control switch 110 can be operatively connected to the flow control valve 50. Thus, a user can selectively move the flow control valve 50 between the first, second, and/or third positions by turning the switch 110. The switch can be a mechanical switch, such as knob 112 (as shown in FIGS. 2-6) or dial 114 (as shown in FIG. 1), that a user can operate by hand. Alternatively, the switch 110 can be an electronic controller 116 that a user can interface or operate directly or remotely, such as by telemetry or a remote control device 118, as shown in FIG. 6.

(12) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 25, which starts with "Depending on the location of the individual components ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Depending on the location of the individual components of the invention, an embodiment of the invention can include a housing 120. For example, ~~as shown in FIG. 2~~, when the sprinkler head 16, valve 50, and discharge piping 80 are disposed on one side of the hose reel 14, as shown in FIG. 2, the housing 120 can be provided to enclose at least a portion of each of these components to prevent damage, vandalism, and exposure to external conditions. The housing

120 can be made of any material, such as metal or plastic, and can be secured to the hose reel in any of a number of manners. The housing 120 can include various markings to inform a user of any of a number of things including the various operational setting positions for the valve 50.

(13) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 12, line 6, which begins with "Again, the above-described individual components ..." with the following amended paragraph:

Again, the above-described individual components can be assembled in a variety of manners, and the embodiments shown in FIGS. [[1-2]] 1-6 are just a few examples.

(14) Replace the paragraph that begins on page 12, line 9, which begins with "A traveling sprinkler according to aspects of the invention ..." with the following amended paragraph:

A traveling sprinkler according to aspects of the invention can be used in a variety of ways. For example, the sprinkler assembly 10 can be reeled out to the desired spot in the yard. In doing so, the user can switch the valve 50 to the third position so that water is prevented from being discharged from the sprinkler head 16 or the outlet end 81 of the discharge piping 80. Once in the desired position, a user has several options. For instance, the user can set the valve 50 to the second position. As a result, water will enter and be discharged from the sprinkler head 16, causing the sprinkler head 16 to rotate. Thus, the assembly 10 can wind back and operate like the conventional traveling sprinklers known in the art. Alternatively, the valve 50 could be set to the first position and a user could attach a second hose 95 ~~(not shown)~~ to the coupling 42 provided at the outlet end 81 of the discharge piping 80. Thus, a user can use the second hose 95

for watering tasks such as washing a car, cleaning the driveway, watering hanging baskets, and/or any of the tasks previously described. ~~Upon completion of these tasks, the user may manually wind the second hose onto the reel 14, or the user can switch the valve 50 to the first position and let both the first hose 20 and second hose travel and wind back onto the reel 14 themselves.~~